When I first ran for Congress in 2006, I promised the people of the 24th Congressional District that I would work to reform our nation's health care system. It's been my goal to pass a bill that lowers costs for everyone who already has health insurance. At the same time, I've long recognized the need to pass a bill that provides the millions of uninsured Americans, including more than 139,000 uninsured individuals living in the 24th Congressional District, an opportunity to purchase quality, affordable health insurance. Without action, skyrocketing health care costs will continue to add to our budget deficit and threaten the overall health of our economy.

When an attempt was made to rush a health care bill to a vote back in July, I stood up and said that we were moving too quickly and I would vote against any health care bill until I had a chance to talk face-to-face with my constituents about their health care reform priorities. Since August, I have been a part of nearly 30 public forums, including 10 town hall meetings, across the district. I have also held countless one-on-one meetings with health care professionals, small business owners and concerned citizens to hear their stories and to learn more about how the rising costs of health care are plaguing the finances of working families and damaging our local economy.

When I returned to Washington, I fought non-stop to make sure the needs and priorities of the people and small businesses I'm privileged to represent in Congress were included. After several additional months of work and debate, the House of Representatives passed the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962) with my support on November 7, 2009. The Senate passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590) on December 24, 2009.

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